(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) However, there was a case from Gujarat Circle when a Lady Telephone Operator applied for maternity leave though she was not married. It was decided in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training that maternity leave can not be granted to unmarried female Govt. servant.

Night Air Mail Service through Vayudoot

137. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a night air mail service is being planned through the Vayudoot; and

(b) if so, which cities are at present being connected for such night airmail service ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This will depend on the cities which will be covered by the Night Air Cargo Service proposed to be introduced by Vayudoot.

STD system with neighbouring countries

138. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to introduce an intensive STD system with neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) which of the metropolitan cities of the country now have STD facilities for connecting London and New York and which other cities are likely to have these facilities and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The feasibility and accounting procedure, are under discussion with the counter-parts of the neighbouring countries.

(c) The 4 Metropolitan cities viz. Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras have International Subscriber Dialling facilities with 6 foreign countries viz. United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, France, Singapore and Hong Kong.

STD facility to New York is not available from any city so far.

It is proposed to extend gradually international subscriber dialling facility from all cities connected to National Trunk Automatic Exchange Newtwork. In the first phase the facility will be extended from Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum in about a year.

Post Offices in private premises

139. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANARAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) number of Post Offices in the country which are not housed in their own buildings, State-wise ;

(b) annual rent being paid State-wise and total rent paid till 30th September, 1985;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to construct their own buildings for the Post Offices to avoid payment of heavy rent ;